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Applicant	: Dennis Colleran et al.	Art Unit	: 3738
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Title	: TISSUE REPAIR SYSTEM		

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REPLY TO ACTION OF OCTOBER 25, 2006

Claims 1 and 25-51 are pending, with claims 1 and 48-50 being independent. Claims 48-51 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 25-47 have been rejected for double-patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,656,183. Applicants submit the attached terminal disclaimer to obviate this rejection.

Applicants also wish to inform the Examiner that U.S. Patent No. 6,656,183 is currently under reexamination. The reexamination application number is 90/006,989. Applicants have attached the first substantive Office Action received in the reexamination proceeding for the Examiner's consideration.

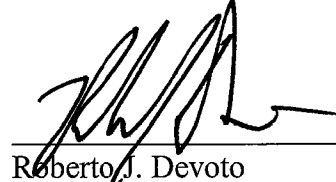
Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this response.  
Nevertheless, if any fees are due, please charge the fees to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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